IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 3, 11, and 13-15, and add new claims 16-30, such that the pending claims read as follows:

1-2. Cancelled

3. (Currently Amended) ~~A mobile telecommunications~~ An electronic device comprising:

a display; and

a memory ~~for~~ storing a dictionary ~~plurality of~~ words ~~user selectable items; and,~~

~~a controller operable to order said items according to the frequency of selection of each item,~~

wherein the device is adapted to, ~~plurality of user selectable items is a dictionary of words, the controller being operable to predict and select a word stored in the dictionary~~ in response to a text ~~message~~ entry, ~~the controller also being configured to initially predict and~~ select a plurality of words in said dictionary predicted to correspond to said text entry, and display the plurality of selected words on said display in an order based on the frequency of use of the plurality of the selected words~~most frequently selected~~ by the user ~~when more than one word fits a prediction.~~

4-10. Cancelled

11. (Currently Amended) A method of ~~handling a plurality of user selectable items stored in a memory of mobile telecommunications device,~~ predicting text on an electronic device, the method including the steps of:

~~ordering items according to the frequency of selection of each item;~~ recognizing an entry of text by a user of the device;

~~predicting and selecting the word most frequently selected by the user when more than one word fits a prediction,~~ selecting a plurality of words stored in a dictionary responsive to the text entry; and

~~wherein the plurality of user selectable items is a dictionary of words.~~ displaying at least one of the plurality of selected words on a display of the device, the display being based on the frequency of use of the plurality of selected words by the user.

12. Cancelled

13. (Currently Amended) A software program stored on a tangible medium readable by an electronic device, which, when run on the electronic device~~a computer~~, is operable to cause said device to perform a method of predicting text, the method comprising:

~~and~~ selecting a plurality of words from a dictionary of words stored in a memory and predicted in response to entry of text by the user;~~,~~

displaying the plurality of selected words on a display of the device, the ~~program also being operable, when more than one word fits a prediction, to initially predict and select a~~ order of the displayed plurality of selected words being based on the frequency of use of the plurality of selected words~~most frequently selected~~ by the user.

14. (Currently Amended) A program according to claim 13, wherein the~~stored on a computer~~ readable medium comprises a flash memory.

15. (Currently Amended) A program according to claim 13, wherein the program updates ~~predictive text input means for text message entry on a mobile communications device, the predictive text input means presents, in response to a given text entry, one or more predictions from a dictionary of words used by the predictive text input means, the predictive text input means comprising~~ a plurality of counter bits for each word in the dictionary used by the user according to ~~that monitors~~ the frequency of use~~selection~~ of each ~~words used from the dictionary~~, and ~~provides an output based on the monitored frequency of selection, which output is used to modify~~ modifies the order of the ~~predicted~~ plurality of selected words ~~presented~~ displayed in respect of the ~~given~~ text entry based on the values of said plurality of counter bits.

16. (New) An electronic device according to claim 3, wherein only one of said selected plurality of words is displayed, said one word being the word that is most frequently used by the user.

17. (New) An electronic device according to claim 16, wherein a plurality of selected words are sequentially displayed one at a time, the order of the displayed words being based on the frequency of use of the plurality of selected words by the user.

18. (New) An electronic device according to claim 17, wherein each sequential display of a word is made in response to the user pressing a key.

19. (New) An electronic device according to claim 3, wherein the electronic device comprises a mobile telecommunications device.

20. (New) An electronic device according to claim 19, wherein the text entry comprises part of the text of a message to be sent by said mobile telecommunications device.

21. (New) A method according to claim 11, wherein only one of said selected plurality of words is displayed, said one word being the word that is most frequently used by the user.

22. (New) A method according to claim 21, wherein a plurality of selected words are sequentially displayed one at a time, the order of the displayed words being based on the frequency of use of the plurality of selected words by the user.

23. (New) A method according to claim 22, wherein each sequential display of a word is made in response to the user pressing a key.

24. (New) A method according to claim 11, wherein the electronic device comprises a mobile telecommunications device.

25. (New) A method according to claim 24, wherein the text entry comprises part of the text of a message to be sent by said mobile telecommunications device.

26. (New) A program according to claim 13, wherein only one of said selected plurality of words is displayed, said one word being the word that is most frequently used by the user.

27. (New) A program according to claim 26, wherein a plurality of selected words are sequentially displayed one at a time, the order of the displayed words being based on the frequency of use of the plurality of selected words by the user.

28. (New) A program according to claim 27, wherein each sequential display of a word is made in response to the user pressing a key.

29. (New) A program according to claim 13, wherein the electronic device comprises a mobile telecommunications device.

30. (New) A program according to claim 29, wherein the text entry comprises part of the text of a message to be sent by said mobile telecommunications device.